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The Honorable John J. Rhodes House of Representatives Washington, D. C. 20515

My dear Mr. Rhodes:

Thank you for your letter of 18 December and your kind words regarding my reappointment as Director of Central Intelligence. I look forward to the continuation of our relationship in the busy days that lie ahead.

I understand that, during my absence from Washington, members of my staff were in contact with you concerning the crew of the ship which disappeared in the Red Sea last August.

If we may be of further assistance in this or in any other matter, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

7s7 Richard Helms

Richard Helms Director

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